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T. made an oral statement of which the following is the purport, he stipulating that he was not to be called as a witness thereon.

FINDING BODIES:

Schneider and Pearl Boehmer said they came up from DeRussey's Lane along the second or southerly drive, the one that leads by the crab apple tree (that drive was so steep at its junction with DeRussey's Lane that no wagon or auto could come up it); Schneider and Boehmer passed the crab apple tree; saw the two bodies lying there; thought that the bodies were those of persons who were resting; they went on and were gone one half or three quarters of an hour, during which time they indulged in immoral practices; they came back, saw the bodies still lying there; commented on the fact; Schneider approached within five feet of the bodies, said "these people must be dead, there is blood here"; Pearl ran on down the drive to DeRussey's Lane, then down DeRussey's Lane to the junction with the other drive that goes up toward the Phillips house where she waited for quite a while before Schneider came; when Schneider joined her he went down the other drive, that is to say, the one that leads diagonally up to the farm house. They then gave the alarm.

Schneider disappeared after making a statement of finding the bodies and was gone for nearly two weeks, during which time the authorities did not know where he was. This looked strange to T.

T. thinks that Schneider rifled the bodies during that interval.